

AMERICAN PUBLIC EDUCATION INC  
Form 8-K  
February 28, 2012  
**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

February 28, 2012  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**American Public Education, Inc.**  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

<b>Delaware</b>	<b>001-33810</b>	<b>01-0724376</b>
		(I.R.S.
		Employer
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	Identification
of Incorporation)	File Number)	No.)

<b>111 W. Congress Street</b>		
<b>Charles Town, West Virginia</b>	<b>25414</b>	<b>304-724-3700</b>
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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## Section 2 – Financial Information

### Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 28, 2012, American Public Education, Inc. issued a press release reporting financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. A copy of American Public Education's press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated in this report by reference. American Public Education has scheduled a conference call and webcast for 5:00 p.m. Eastern time on February 28, 2012 to discuss its financial results, and slides for that call are attached to this report as Exhibit 99.2 and are incorporated in this report by reference. In addition, American Public Education provides an investor fact sheet on its investor relations website, [www.americanpubliceducation.com](http://www.americanpubliceducation.com). A copy of the investor fact sheet is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.3 and is incorporated in this report by reference.

## Section 9 – Financial Statements and Exhibits

### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

#### (d) Exhibits

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| 99.1 | American Public Education, Inc. press release dated February 28, 2012, reporting financial results for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011. |
| 99.2 | American Public Education, Inc. slides for February 28, 2012 conference call and webcast for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2011            |
| 99.3 | American Public Education, Inc. fact sheet posted to its investor relations website on February 28, 2012.  |
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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

American Public Education, Inc.

Date: February 28, 2012 By: /s/ Harry T. Wilkins  
Harry T. Wilkins  
Executive Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

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